



Boston Black Restaurant Challenge

State Representative Chynah Tyler and Nia Grace of Darryl's Corner presents The Boston Black Restaurant Challenge

The Boston Black Restaurant Challenge will begin February 1st

Unfortunately, wealth in Massachusetts is unequally distributed by race which translates into fewer opportunities for upward mobility. Black families' wealth in the commonwealth is a fraction in comparison to most other families from different races. This leaves them more economically insecure and with far fewer opportunities for economic mobility. As a state representative, my mission is to use my platform to boost the economic development of Black owned businesses here in Boston. By practicing cooperative economics we can operate a facet of the economy and create for ourselves our own opportunities for upward mobility.

With that, please join me at the Boston Black Restaurant Challenge Kickoff at Darryl's Corner Bar & Kitchen located at 604 Columbus Avenue, Boston, MA 02118.

The kickoff celebration will start at **12:00pm**. We will have food, drinks, live music, giveaways, raffles and special guests throughout the night. The program will program begin at **2:30pm** with Boston leaders and restaurant owners as well as supporters.

#BostonBlackRestaurantChallenge

Contact: Office of State Representative Chynah Tyler Phone: 617.722.2450 Email: Chynah.Tyler@MAHouse.gov



Pathways Into City Contracting - Opportunity Fair 2020!

Come and hear about the upcoming contracting opportunities from various City departments! Join us **Wednesday, February 12th, 9:00am** at the **YMCA of Greater Boston 316 Huntington Ave, Boston MA 02115.**

All workshops include:

- Food
- Networking opportunities
- Interpretive services (upon request)
- A child-friendly environment

Spread the word!

9:00 – 9:30AM Registration

9:30 – 10:00AM Networking and Refreshments

10:00 – 12:00PM Engage with City Departments

Click Here To Register! View Flyer

For more information about the event or if you have any questions please contact Joshua

McFadden at Joshua.McFadden@Boston.gov or at 617.635.5794.

WHAT IS THE 2020 CENSUS?

All about the 2020 Census

Learn all about the Census in this video that combines five PSAs into one easy-tounderstand story about the 2020 Census. Watch this to learn what the 2020 Census is, how data are used and secured, how it affects representation, and how you can complete it.

Watch Here

This fun, animated video builds on simple concepts like counting and school attendance roll calls to explain the 2020 Census and its importance. **For the Kids!**



Celebration for Kim Janey on February 13 at 8AM!

Please Join Friends & Family of Councilor Kim Janey to Celebrate her Council Presidency Thursday, February 13 at 8AM.

Law Offices of Walter Prince Prince Lobel Tye LLP 1 International Place Suite 3700 Boston, MA 02110

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Free Census Webinar

February 14 at Noon (EST)

Please join us for a webinar addressing legal concerns surrounding Census 2020, including confidentiality protections and the Trump Administration's executive order on the collection of citizenship data.

This webinar is designed for community members, advocates, local groups, nonprofit organizations, and service providers.

The presentation will be followed by a Q&A session. Simultaneous Spanish translation/interpretation will be available. This webinar will be recorded.

Register Here

Can't attend the webinar?

View our materials and legal resources for the 2020 Census — including toolkits, palm cards, and community presentations — here: **lawyersforcivilrights.org/census**

Need help?

Call the **Census Hotline** at (617) 482-1145 or email census@lawyersforcivilrights.org



Black History Month Celebration and Annual Meeting

Please join us for our Black History Month Celebration and Annual Meeting

- Annual Report and State of Whittier Street Health Center by our President & CEO, Frederica M. Williams
- Updates from the Chair of our Board of Directors
- Fireside chat and book signing by Jackie Glenn., author of "Lift As I Climb"

Thursday, February 20th 12:00 – 2:00PM

2nd floor Community Education Room at the Frederica M. Williams Building

Whittier Street Health Center 1290 Tremont Street Roxbury, MA 02120

For questions about the celebration, please contact the development office **(617) 989.3119** or **events@wshc.org**.

Business 101: Commercial Space Workshop Series

During this series, you'll hear from some of the city of Boston's leading experts on the topics of business and commercial spaces. You'll make connections with city officials who can help guide you through your entrepreneurial journey. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly if you have any questions.

BUSINESS 101: COMMERCIAL SPACE

Learn More on Facebook

Business 101: Commercial Space Food and family-friendly environment provided

Date And Time Each Monday from Feb 24, 2020 to March 23, 2020 5:30PM – 8:00PM EDT

Location The Dewitt Center 122 Dewitt Drive Boston, MA 02120

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Violence In Boston Inc. Ribbon Cutting Invitation

Violence In Boston Inc. is excited to announce the ribbon cutting of our new Social Impact Center. We would like to thank you for your continued support over the years. With your help, we've been able to address the root socioeconomic issues that affect victims and survivors who have been affected by the violence plaguing their communities.

It's through the dedicated efforts of community leaders like yourself that Monica Cannon-Grant, and the Violence In Boston Team have been so successful in achieving their goals. Now, we're thinking bigger. This center will provide the necessary resources that our community needs when affected by violence, which ultimately, is a symptom of poverty.

Join Mayor Marty Walsh, the City of Boston and Violence In Boston Inc. on **Friday April 3**, **2020** to celebrate the opening of this beautiful facility. Violence In Boston Inc. Social Impact Center will be the **only** Non-Profit led by a Black Woman, whose specific focus is gang violence prevention, in the City of Boston. As part of our growth, the Social Impact Center will be able to offer resources to:

Young men ages 15-28 actively street involved (proven risk) Victims and survivors Families of victims and survivors The over 4,000 BPS youth who are homeless and suffering from food insecurity.

This event will take place on April 3rd 2020 at 10 a.m. (location announced upon RSVP)

For more information contact: violenceinboston@gmail.com



Boston Comics in Color Festival

The Boston Comics in Color festival is a family-friendly event for all ages focusing on creators of color and stories by and about people of color. It will take place at **Roxbury Community College (RCC)** at the **Reggie Lewis Track & Athletic Center on April 4**, **2020.** This event will be the first of its kind in the city of Boston.

Learn More



2020 Haitian American Young Professional Awards

The Haitian American Business Expo, Inc. (HABEXPO) / U.S. Haitian Chamber of Commerce, Inc. (US HAITIAN CHAMBER) is pleased to announce that it will be hosting its Second Annual Haitian American Young Professional Awards on **Saturday, April 4, 2020** at the Lantana in Randolph, MA.

Send in your award nominations! Deadline is fast approaching!

Now Accepting Nominations - Click Here Reserve Tickets

2020 Updates for Columbia Road

1) **Corridor Planner:** The Corridor Planner for the Boston Transportation Department who was projected to begin working on Columbia Road and Blue Hill Ave is no longer considering the position. This means the City is still searching for a person to **fill this role which can be found here.** I'll be sure to update you when a candidate has been chosen.

2) Funding: I would like to thank you again for all of your time and feedback. Currently, I am working to find funding sources so we can honor your time, continue our work together, and incorporate your constituents and residents to ensure this project is truly community-led along Columbia Road. As we look for funding, in the interim, how would you like us to proceed with meetings concerning Columbia Road?

3) Letter: In our November meetings, we created some language in response to this new person in this position. It was clear by you that it is imperative they acknowledge the everpresent role of structural racism regarding Columbia Road in particular, and Boston as a whole in transportation and development, the importance of Boston's Departments (transportation, development, housing, etc) to work together to find solutions through following community (your) lead, among other themes. I am currently working on this draft for your record. In making sure we (LivableStreets) is being a good partner, would you also like LivableStreets to write a letter by LivableStreets that echo's your concerns like implementing the short term projects mentioned in our meetings, and the others mentioned above?

4) Communications: Would you all be interested in **forming a Google Group** that we can email for updates? You'll also be able to add any members you see fit.

On Thursday, Jan 23rd, by invitation of Val, I'll be presenting at the Upham's Corner Business Breakfast/Annual Meeting from 8:00 am - 9:30 am which is free, open to the public, and will have a hot breakfast.

Are there places or meetings where you would like LivableStreets us to provide updates for?

5) 10-in-1 Talk. Cost of Greenways: On December 10th, 2019 LivableStreets hosted their 9th Annual StreetTalk about transportation. I discussed some of the themes you've all mentioned to me about Columbia Road. You can find the talk here, starting at 28:28.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email or cellphone **(908) 313.2251**. I understand not many check emails, so if you could reach out to anyone on this list, that would be great.

Best, Ambar ambar@livablestreets.info

Around the Community



Mayor Walsh State of the city



Governor and presidential candidate **Patrick Deval** comes to Prince Hall Masonic Lodge



